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SUBJECT: OBIT/SCS: FUNDS GEORGE PALOIAN, DISPOSITION OF

REMAINS

REF: (A) MOSCOW 9115; (B) MOSCOW 19892

1. DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT IN REF A (NOTIFICATION TO MRS. PALOIAN OF HER HUSBAND'S DEATH), EMBASSY USED FIGURES FROM DISPOSITION OF REMAINS REPORT WITHOUT ADDING COST OF SHIPMENT EREVAN-MOSCOW, HENCE GIVING DRASTICALLY LOW ESTIMATE OF COSTS.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED OBTAIN FROM INTOURIST DETAILS RE BREAKDOWN AIR TRANSPORTATION COSTS EREVAN-MOSCOW AND MOSCOW-BOSTON. WHAT WAS WEIGHT OF SHIPMENT? WAS PALOIAN PARTICULARLY HEAVY MAN? WAS CASKET HEAVIER THAN USUAL ZINC-LINED WOOD? ARE INTERNAL USSR FREIGHT RATES PARTICULARLY HIGH (BEING NONCOMPETITIVE)? HOW DO INTERNAL USSR AIRFREIGHT COSTS PALOIAN BILL COMPARE WITH GORDON
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COSTS (9/75)?

3. THIS INFORMATION REQUIRED BECAUSE DEPT ANTICIPATES QUERIES FROM FAMILY AND/OR CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN NEAR-DOUBLING PAYMENT REQUESTED.
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